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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING FORCES

Pete Massaro. (North Africa) I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness in sending me the "Grapevine." Of course, the check was appreciated too, and it will go toward getting the juice that comes out of the grapevines over here. Not all of it, as if I spent the full amount I would have to bathe in it. It wouldn't be hard to get rid of, because when you do manage to get a bottle, the old "grapevine" starts whispering and before you know it everybody from the colonel down is your buddy. It is much easier to get wine than water. When the engineers get through with the water, everybody else is because of the taste. Judging by the different chemicals that are put into it to purify it, it might be a formula for a developing mixture....What time we have left after eating and drinking is reserved for the war, but you read about that back home so won't bother you with details.

Marv McBride. (U. S. Naval Training School, Bronx, New York) The Marines really keep me busy, but I love it. Our classes are interesting, Marine Corps history, map reading, military courtesy, etc. The instructors are all good-looking marines. You should see the drill corporal - he has red hair and is he cute! Today we learned to salute. We are constantly told that we are better than the Army, Navy, and Coast Guard - we are Marines! (Continued on page 4)



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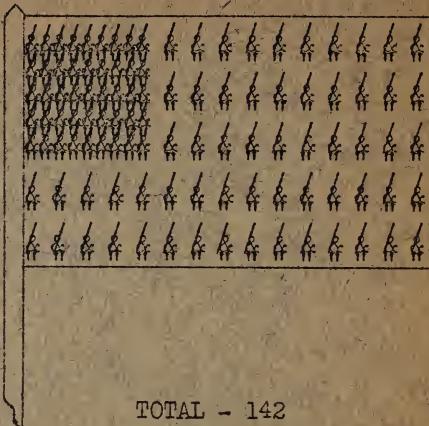
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FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



TOTAL - 142

Strictly Personal



Solicitor's Office. Another has been added to the personnel of our office - a son, Richard, born to Sally Marshall April 6.....Grace McGerr was called home, Lincoln, Nebraska, because of the illness of her mother, but has now returned to her duties here.....Word has been received that an heir has been born to Capt. and Mrs. L. E. Mullally, named Laurie Gene.....Pauline Neider's sister, Nina, from Washington visited her last week.....Virginia Jones went home, Illinois, for a 4-day week end.

Stenographic Section. Mrs. Ella Nichols' husband has greatly improved and has been moved to the Bell Memorial Hospital.....Gertrude Spear spent part of last week at her home in Leoti, Kan... Marian Rothberg's grandmother and 2 aunts are visiting her from Yonkers, New York.. Gloria Hollis had a nice visit with her

father and sister who were here from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Examination. Eileen Fascher is leaving for her home in Kimball, S. D. There will be a wedding and Eileen will walk down the aisle - as her sister's maid of honor....There is "trouble on foot" in the division - A. E. Woolsey is in the hospital with an infected foot and E. G. Pankow is still limping from a sprained ankle....WAAC Emma R. Hubbs is now stationed at Camp Upton, New York....Bon voyage to Vera Jones who leaves soon on that long-planned trip to Los Angeles.

Personnel. Cecil Johnson entertained with a luncheon at his home in honor of Mr. T. Roy Reid and the Personnel Officers of the 12 districts who attended the conference here last week.... Elizabeth Moyer is visiting her husband, Cpl. Burton Moyer, in Chicago....Blanche Stone has left the hospital and is recuperating at the home of her sister in Washington....Lois Ensign has gone to Altus, Oklahoma, to see John Lee get his wings as a pilot in the Army Air Corps.. Josephine Gerdes had a guest last week, her sister, Frieda, of Omaha....Virginia Baker is spending the Easter vacation with her parents in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Mildred Peterson spent a day in St. Joseph, Missouri, attending the wedding of a friend....Vivian Gustafson is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Ralph Woods, and two children, of Page City, Kansas.. Lt. Warren Bales of the Army Air Corps visited Rosemary Dawes for several days last week....Virginia Murrell spent the first of the week at her home in Emporia, Kansas.

Cooperative. Milton Clark left to take a position with the OPA in Washington... Alma Day spent a few days in Chicago at the home of Lt. and Mrs. Fogelberg.... Lucille Contor's mother from Alcester, N. D., is visiting here....Charlene Richardson took a hurried trip to Tulsa to see her brother.

Finance & Accounts. McKenzie Ferguson spent a 10-day vacation the latter part of April visiting his mother and sister in Texas, friends in Denver, Colorado, and relatives in San Francisco, Calif... Delta Vaughn and Alma Franklin have gone home for a 4-day trip.

RACC of Washington. Betty DeGraffenreid has gone to Miami, Florida, to spend a month with her husband who is stationed there....Ruth Hibbs has returned to work after an extended illness....Ida Bernstein is visiting her parents in Brooklyn, New York....Margaret Boebinger is wearing a diamond ring, third finger, left hand....Cecelia Richardson and Irvin Dyke have come to our section from the Cooperative Division.

Land Bank. Ruby Young is back at work recuperating from a strenuous 5 days vacation in Cushing, Oklahoma, during which she attended 6 parties....The girls in the 1000 corridor showered Gunrie Lazarus at Orella Yeager's home last Saturday night. A celluloid stork appropriated the place of honor.... Lieutenant Arthur C. Bayless passed through Kansas City on his way to Camp Ritchie, Maryland, where he will train for the military intelligence....Florence Eifert is spending her Easter week end in Enid, Oklahoma....Dorothy Griffith was visited by Air Corps Corporal Clifford Gaumer, formerly of Personnel Files.

Chief Clerk's Office. Doris Eyth returned last week from a visit to her home in Topeka. She also, incidentally, brought back a glittering new ring on her left third finger. The accomplice is Edison Weston, who is now stationed at Warner Robbins Field, Georgia.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

"Flash" McNamee breezed in, wrote out his resignation as President of the Farm Credit Club, and breezed along to his new job in RFC....Alice Sprague is leaving

CR&S to accept a position in the Solicitor's Office.....CR&S welcomes 2 new professional members to its staff, Thomas E. Hall and J. Kenneth Samuels... Virginia Housor returned from St. Louis where she visited her husband who is in the Army.....Grace McGuire took a short vacation and visited in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.....We hear that Ralph Drumheller (CR&S) is with our Navy - somewhere near Africa.

Lacey Rickey and Joseph Knapp have contributed to the Red Cross blood plasma bank.....The Washington office had nearly 100 percent employee cooperation in taking advantage of the free chest X-rays offered here in the Department....Thirty-eight of the staff of 82 were vaccinated in the smallpox "Drive" - and your Washington Reporter is happy to state that in the collection for the Government Girl Warplanes we had 100 percent full cooperation or \$82 collected for 82 employees.

NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING FORCES (Continued from page 1)

Pauline McCoy. (U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, New York) Ahoy, gang, Saturday afternoon off - don't you envy me? But I'm so darned tired, I can do nothing but sit! My bunk mate "Marge" is quite a gal. She used to be a street car conductor, a beauty operator, and more recently a welder. She has 9 fur coats - and a husband in Australia. If you'd like to hear how it goes with us "Seamen" - here is a sample: My Day (with apologies to Eleanor) - called at 0625 (6:25 a.m.). Did you know I drew the upper bunk? It isn't hard to make as I'm scared to move at night for fear I will roll off. At 0650 we muster and march to mess. We can have 5 different kinds of food, as there are 6 indentations in the tray, and 1 of them must be used for the mug. We march to everything, even up the 6 flights of "ladders"

to our rooms. It is raining out now and I suppose we will march to mess this evening, looking a mess ourselves.

Mercedes Goodson. (U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, New York) They have a very complicated and thorough system worked out in order to find out just where everyone is best suited to work. It includes 6 standardized tests, 2 lectures, and a 10-minute interview. After all that, they know exactly where you should be sent and will send you somewhere else because of "quotas." By the way, I'm a WAVE instead of a SPAR. I haven't enlightened them any here, since it's alright with me. We drill practically every day, and our instructor has been a C.P.O., but today the Marines took over. We have to change a lot of things we had already learned - he really sounded more like a tobacco auctioneer. Coming back, we sang the Navy version of the Marine hymn - and with feeling, too:

"It was out there on the Albany
with the Asiatic fleet -
The Marines were so lazy
they could only eat and sleep.
From eight bells in the morning
until the dog watch
On deck they're seldom seen.
Now the question that I ask you -
is 'Why the hell is a Marine?'"

Nell Mellott. (U.S. Naval Training School, Bronx, New York) Must tell you about our quarters. We are on the 6th floor of a new apartment building. You use the stairs unless incapacitated. Well, when we get about to the third "deck," we are practically incapacitated, especially the day we marched in our high-heeled shoes! We even have a kitchen - I mean "galley," but we don't use it except to wash clothes and to clean it. We saw Mercedes (Goodson) tonight. She's been on KP ever since we've been here. She threw a roll on

our trays tonight as we passed along the line. This mess business is rightly named. We are hoping that we don't forget what a napkin is like next time we see one.

Donald Skow. (Coast Artillery, Camp Pendleton, Virginia) I am really in the Army now and will be here at Camp Pendleton for at least 8 weeks. They are just starting to train men here for the Coast Artillery. Over 1200 men came in yesterday. Everyone is from the Middle West so naturally it is a fine bunch of men. We started our basic training today. We are learning to signal with flags and are also learning what we call the phonetic alphabet which we use in sending messages by the flags, radio, or telephone. We have resolved among ourselves to make this 46th Coast Artillery Division the "fightingest" ever, so when we go across we can really show Hitler what he's up against. Everyone seems to think we will go across when our basic is completed.

Oscar M. Davis. (U.S.N. Air Gunners School, Purcell, Oklahoma) I am sure that the Club could render no better service to the men in the armed forces than keeping them informed of the whereabouts of former fellow employees through the "Grapevine." It is just like reading one's hometown newspaper.....Although I haven't had any thrilling experiences nor active duty I have enjoyed my training so far, having attended a radio school, an aviation radio school, and now am learning aviation gunnery. I am sure any of the skeet or trapshooters of FCA would be glad to take a few days vacation in order to go through the paces on the range here.

Herman Brody. (Tampa, Florida) Here I am spending a winter in Florida. When in Washington I often hoped to take a winter month off and spend it here under warm and sunny skies, and now Uncle Sam has not only permitted me to stay here

all winter, but insists that I stay all summer as well. Here in Tampa, chance has brought me together with 2 of my Farm Credit friends. I had the pleasure of working with Lieut. Robert Brown for about a month on this Field, before he was transferred to Tulsa, Okla. A few weeks ago Louis Chipkin was transferred to this Field. It was great to see him again and exchange news about ourselves and our friends. While at Fort McClellan, I ran into Vladimir Oleynik on our day off at Anniston, Ala. It was during my first weeks in the Army and I was never so happy to see anyone. Shortly after I was transferred to Tampa, he wrote me that he was assigned to the Western Command at San Francisco.

Balmer Hill. (Topeka, Kansas) Thanks for the check - it was the exact size to purchase an article I wanted, but just never had gotten around to getting, a "dogtag" chain - according to regulations, too.... I am with a service group, which is probably a new name to most members of the Club, but by way of explanation, I'll say they are the boys who keep the planes flying and from all accounts the boys are badly needed in many places just now. All of us hope to be used shortly. Best regards to all and, as a gentle reminder, I'm looking forward to each issue of the Club paper.

WHAT IS A HOBBY?

What is a hobby? Maybe you have one and don't know it. According to the Hobby Show Committee, you have a hobby if you make or collect something of interest. And don't say, "This piece is not worth showing," because if it's yours and you're interested in it - so are we.

If you don't know whether your pastime can be classed as a hobby, or if you are skeptical about whether your hobby could be appropriately exhibited in the Hobby Show to be held on May 25 and 26, consult one of the Committee members.

Have you forgotten those swizzle sticks you've been picking up here and there - the more interesting if the name or place is on it. Did you save those bridle rosettes that Dobbin wore when Grandpappy dressed up his team on Sunday? Remember the time you whiled away in Grandma's parlor looking through the stereoscope? Why not bring the stereoscope and its slides to the Hobby Show? (AMP)

RANKER BECOMES BAKER IN BRITAIN

"That's the best damn meal I've ever had!" These words were spoken by General Dwight D. Eisenhower after eating at a table in London managed by Capt. Franklin R. McCormick, a former Farm Credit examiner.

The story of Capt. McCormick's "rise" to culinary fame came through the Associated Press and will be enjoyed by his many friends in FCA.

It all came about through a clerical error. Capt. McCormick, in answering an occupational questionnaire before his reserve commission was made active, wrote "Banking." Someone mistook it for "baking" and he wound up in a cooking school.

He has taught one of London's top notch chefs how to prepare and serve pancakes and syrup American style, and as mess inspector-instructor of the London base command is responsible for the supervision and preparation of thousands of meals served daily to U. S. soldiers and officers.

He has been instrumental in getting a better variety of food for the soldiers' messes where American cooks prepare the meals, and he has trained the British civilian cooks of the officer clubs in the art of preparing food the way it's done back in the States.

Capt. McCormick joined the FCA in 1934 and has made association examinations in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. (ACB)

HELP!! HELP!!

Continued action in South Africa calls for heavier shipments of Red Cross bandages.

If you are not already giving all the time you can, please arrange to spend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Red Cross Headquarters, 11th and Central Avenue. The need for bandages is greater than ever before.

Bring your own coverall apron and head scarf, or the Red Cross will furnish them at cost of laundering (25¢ for apron, 3¢ for head scarf). (JDC)

TWO BRIDGE CLASSES MEET

"See you at the bridge class at 7," is a usual comment on Tuesdays and every other Wednesday.

Members of the elementary class, who meet each Tuesday evening, are now playing like veterans. The principles necessary to enjoy the game have been mastered and some have even ventured into slam bidding, and plays, and other fine points of good bridge playing.

Both sessions average about 6 tables, with a "teacher" for each table. The Wednesday class is composed of those who have played some bridge and want to get practice.

If you want to learn to play bridge, get some good practice, or just relax and enjoy the game, come to room 2941 on Tuesday evenings at 7, or Wednesday every other week, (next session May 5) and join in the fun. (MP)

CREDIT UNION FINANCES CHICKEN PROJECT

Food-for-Freedom is again being produced with credit extended by the FCA Employees

Federal Credit Union. An FCA employee recently got a loan to purchase baby chicks and now has his project well under way. (MP)

KNOW-YOUR-KANSAS CITY TRIP NO. 4

Farm Credit hikers have a dual treat in store for Sunday, May 9. A trip is planned to provide a day out of the city in which to enjoy the countryside with Nature in May array, spring wild flowers, and the music of bird song. An additional attraction to the walk in the vicinity of Leavenworth, Kansas, will be a visit to Fort Leavenworth. The tour of the fort will be under the escort of Master Sergeant Wendell O. Yount, who has been stationed there for many years and is well versed in the history of the post.

Length of the walk will be about 6 miles. Bring lunch and drink.

Bus leaves Union Bus Depot, 9th and McGee Streets, at 9:10 Sunday morning, May 9. The round trip fare is \$1.32. In order that ample transportation may be provided, those planning to take this trip should telephone Miss Quimby, extension 338, before noon on Friday May 7. (DIM)

GOING INTO THE ARMY?

Men who are about to go into the armed forces have a good many things to think of in providing for their families in their absence. Copies of a helpful article on provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act and suggestions for prospective soldiers may be obtained in room 2118, or by calling extension 338.

EMPLOYEE MAKES 5TH BLOOD DONATION

At least one Central Office employee stationed in Kansas City has donated to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center 5 times. Clarice Andrews, F&A, made 2 donations in Washington and recently made her third in Kansas City. Any others?



BOWLING

Many inquiries have been received about the summer bowling league which has been receiving a lot of ballyhoo. For those interested in bowling, the Plaza Bowl has alleys available at various hours. All women interested in bowling should contact Mary Jane McGee. The men should contact Andy Morrison.

FARM CREDIT CLUB CHALLENGES FCA OF ST. LOUIS

Have you ever listened to a radio quiz program and thought you could answer all the questions? Well, here's your chance to prove it. The Farm Credit Club is picking a team of Kansas City FCA employees and has challenged St. Louis FCA employees to a battle of wits on the "Quiz of Two Cities" program. The date has not been definitely set, but will be approximately the last Sunday in May.

To select our team of two men and two women, we must have 25 persons ready for an elimination quiz which will be run in the studio 1 week before the program goes on the air.

Help us find FCA talent. On May 14, the preliminary try-out will be run in room 2941, during the noon period. Come and test your knowledge. From this group will be selected the 25 who will enter the elimination quiz on the date preceding the program on the air.

Those taking part in the preliminaries in room 2941 will be invited to be guests in the studio on the night of the broadcast.

Only those whose names are submitted by the Club will be admitted to the studio. This is a Government regulation, so get into it from the first.

You can hear this program every Sunday night at 9:30 over Station WDAF. Watch for further details. (JDC)

BLOOD DONORS AID COWORKER

The "Grapevine" regrets to learn of the illness of Wilma Atkinson, and we are glad to hear of her improvement. Five employees canceled their Red Cross donation appointments to give blood to Miss Atkinson. They were: S. U. Baxter, T. L. Piper, Margaret Ellefson, Mildred Wilkes, and Sarah Schneider.

CREDIT UNION REPORT

Well started in its second year of operations, Farm Credit's cooperative bank - the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union - is performing a worth-while service for its members.

Members of the credit union owned an average of \$92 each in shares on April 1, 1943 according to the latest figures released by the treasurer, John W. D. Fowler. He reports 619 members with share accounts amounting to \$56,798.64. Of this amount, \$27,903.29 is outstanding in loans to members, \$5,000 is invested in war bonds, \$14,060 in shares of Federal savings and loan associations, and the balance is in the bank available for lending.

One change was made in officials during March. A. A. Goldman resigned as a member of the credit committee and legal counselor of the credit union, and Joseph T. Spelman was appointed to take his place. (EF)

MOUSE VS. LAND BANK

If one afternoon last week you heard a chorus of high pitched screams, it was not because Frankenstein was stalking the 1000 corridor of FCA but a far more terrifying creature - the lowly mouse, who sought a safe hiding place behind a file cabinet. But, in the words of Robert Burns, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley," and this mouse's plans for a retired old age were upset by a swift kick from the foot of Letus Wallace. Orchids to Mr. Wallace who made it possible for the girls in Land Bank to sit again with their feet on the floor. (HL and LS)

PARTY TO HONOR FCA SERVICEMEN

Governor Black had the opportunity of obtaining a last fleeting glance at the vanishing manpower of the Farm Credit Administration at a gathering for a rationed dinner and some unrationed entertainment in honor of the present and expectant FCA service men, all potential generals and admirals. Walter Hein presided and promoted good will with his quips and introductions.

The walls of the Junior Ball room at the President Hotel echoed with laughter and merriment especially at the dramatic efforts of 4 surprised contestants. It was a fine tribute to the service men. Good luck fellows!

BUY WAR BONDS